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Students team with NASA to build Orion space capsule mockup

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Long before the space race in the 1950s and Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon in 1969, people have been fascinated with the idea of launching things into outer space.

Since January 2011, five seniors in mechanical engineering have had the opportunity to help in the design of the Orion Space Capsule for their senior project.

The Orion is a multi-purpose crew vehicle built to serve on missions beyond low Earth orbit. According to NASA's website, it will "serve as the exploration vehicle that will carry the crew to space, provide emergency abort capability, sustain the crew during the space travel and provide safe re-entry from deep space return velocities."

After two semesters of hard work, team members Sean Young, Clinton Proctor, Evan Smith, Robert Cox and Harry McDonald, all seniors in mechanical engineering, finished the Kansas State Orion Capsule Backbone Project this October and presented it at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"I had an internship in Houston working for the mock-up facility," McDonald said. "When I was down there, they started a program called Students Shaping America's Next Spacecraft. It was formed because NASA has a very tight budget and

they needed to find a way to continue to work on projects."

After putting in a request for K-State to receive a SSANS project, McDonald and his teammates took on the task of working on the backbone structure for the medium-fidelity mockup of the Orion space capsule. They received a computer generated model of the Orion and had requirements that had to be met.

There are three stages of mockups for the space capsule: low-, medium- and high-fidelity, each one with different specifications and components. The medium-fidelity mockup is an actual-size model of the Orion composed of cheaper material so design evaluation of the project may be made without high costs.

"It's trying to build the same thing true to function, cheapest as possible," Cox said.

Although the estimated price for the mockup was \$75,000, the group brought down the estimate to \$10,000. This was funded partially by

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Robert Cox, Harry McDonald, Sean Young and Evan Smith, all seniors in mechanical engineering, pose with their completed backbone in Houston, Texas. The backbone was designed for the NASA space program's Orion space capsule. Not pictured is team member Clinton Proctor, also a senior in mechanical engineering.



Counseling Services looks to avoid debt woes

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With many budgets at K-State under review for the 2013 to 2015 fiscal years, Counseling Services is among the departments struggling with funds.

Due to the allocation fees that were recently given to Counseling Services, by the end of fiscal year 2015, Counseling Services will be debt spending. The Allocations Fee Committee gave them a flat-rate increase of 2.5 percent. By the end of fiscal year 2015, with the two available positions filled, Counseling Services estimates they will be about \$75,000 in debt.

"This is not what we hoped for," said Dorinda Lambert, director of Counseling Services. "In the past, Student Governing Association has given us a 3 percent increase each year to be able to stabilize the budget and to support the programs we are offering. We were hoping for this or at least a 2.5 percent increase every year."

Lambert said there was great concern regarding the number of positions that are needed to fulfill the needs of students on campus. She said last school year there was a change in staffing due to retirement of some staff members and other staff members leaving to go to private practice.

"We had quite a bit of carry-over money due to the change of staffing," Lambert said. "SGA thought that money wasn't be ap-

propriately being used. They wanted us to spend out our carry over money before they gave us more. But we need this money for emergencies that arise that we can't foresee."

Matt Marchesini, vice chair of the Privilege Fee Committee for SGA and senior in marketing, said the committee had some concerns regarding the carry over money. He said there was a large amount of money from past privilege fees that hadn't been previously spent.

"We, as a committee, wanted to make sure that the carry-over account was being used properly," Marchesini said. "We wanted to make sure student privilege fees were not just sitting there and not being used."

The Privilege Fee Committee looked at the financial statements of Counseling Services to get a broader understanding of what is needed for the department and they also looked at and examined the need to fill at least two positions within the Counseling Services department.

"Counseling Services wanted to fill two open

positions," said Andrew Wagner, chair of the Privilege Fee Committee for SGA and senior in management information systems. "This

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Adjusting to life in Manhattan, Tasha Dickey fitting in well



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Tasha Dickey, junior forward, jumps for a point against Dartmouth on Nov. 12 in Bramlage Coliseum. The Cats beat Dartmouth 54-20.

Kelly McHugh
staff writer

Despite the celebrity status they hold on college campuses, student athletes are a lot like the average student. They like to hang out with friends and they have to study for classes; however, their sport is important to them, and the time and energy they put into it is often more than that of a full-time job.

Tasha Dickey, graduate student in academic advising, has a long history of playing basketball, and transferred to K-State this semester to finish out her collegiate basketball career in a more at-home environment.

"I started playing sports at a really young age because my mom played at the University of Arizona, and my dad played football, so they weren't going to let us not do

sports," Dickey said. "They always had footballs or basketballs lying around."

Dickey grew up in a sports fanatic household — her father, Charlie Dickey played football for the Arizona Wildcats, and her mother, Lisa Dickey, also attended the University of Arizona, where she spent much of her college career on the court playing for the basketball team.

Heisman Trophy watch: up for grabs

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sports editor

At the end of every college football season, the Heisman Trophy is given to college football's most outstanding player. In most years, there is generally one player that sticks out above the rest of the field. Players like Cam Newton, Sam Bradford and Tim Tebow have won the award by huge total point differentials.

This year, though, many players have been in the running. Early in the season, Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones seemed in great shape to win the award after a victory on the road against Florida State. A loss to Texas Tech just a couple of weeks later took him out of the running.

Other players like Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden and Boise State's Kellen Moore were in the running as well, but losses ruined their chances as well.

With so many players having outstanding seasons this year, it was hard to decide who was going to be accepted to the Heisman Trophy presentation award on Saturday in New York. The five candidates this year are Montee Ball, Robert Griffin, Tyrann Mathieu, Trent Richardson and Andrew Luck. Here is a look at why any of these five candidates could take home the award.

Montee Ball

Ball leads the country in rushing yards with 1,759 yards, as well as touchdowns, with 38 total. His 38 touchdowns are only one shy of Barry Sanders' single season record.

He is one of the main reasons that Wisconsin finished the season Big Ten Conference champions and will be going to Pasadena, Calif., to take on the Oregon Ducks.

Robert Griffin

After an incredible first month of the season where Griffin had thrown more touchdown passes than incompletions, the Baylor Bears hit a rough patch. However, the Bears were able to bounce back and finish 9-3 on the season. Griffin threw just two yards under 4,000 passing yards and had 36 touchdowns, compared to only six interceptions.

One thing working for RGIII is that his "Heisman moment" is still fresh in the fans' minds. He threw for 479 yards, including a touchdown pass with 8 seconds left, in the upset over the Oklahoma Sooners.

Tyrann Mathieu

Not since Charles Woodson in 1997 has a defensive player won the award.

What makes Mathieu special is his ability to make the big play. Mathieu, only a sophomore, already has the LSU record for forced fumbles in a career. His ability to make plays in the return game is also a reason that he is a candidate. In the Southeastern Conference title game against Georgia, Mathieu took back a punt return for a touchdown, and nearly completed a second one still worthy of a play of the year award.

The difference between Mathieu and Woodson is that Woodson also played offense when he won the award in 2001.

Trent Richardson

Richardson is one of the main reasons that the Crimson Tide is in the national title game.

Alabama's offense has been mediocre on the year and they have relied heavily on Richardson to carry the load for them. He responded with 1,583 yards and 20 touchdowns on the season. These numbers are impressive because he was the defense's main focus every single night.

Ball, on the other hand, at Wisconsin, has Russell Wilson at quarterback so teams cannot load up in the box on defense.

Andrew Luck

Coming into the season, Luck was the clear-cut favorite for the award.

Luck has had an outstanding season for the Cardinal as he has thrown for 3,570 yards and 35 touchdowns. What hurt Luck is that in his team's biggest game of the year, the Cardinal were unable to get it done as they got blown out by eventual Pac-12 Conference champion Oregon.

Stanford still earned a berth to the Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma State in what could be one of the most exciting bowl games of the season.

With all of these candidates having such a great season, it is hard to decide which one of the five terrific players will take home the trophy. The winner will be announced on Saturday night on ESPN. This has the making of the closest Heisman Trophy race since Eric Crouch won it in 2001.

Dickey's father, Charlie, is the offensive line coach for the K-State football team, and playing for the same sports department as her father has been exciting for Dickey.

"I absolutely love it," Dickey said when asked how it felt to be in the same school sports arena as her father. "You know, he's so close by, I finally get to see him. We're always at home together, so it's really fun to have him here. He comes to my games, my family comes to my games, and they haven't been able to come in, like, four years, so it's been great, it's been awesome."

Dickey had one passion before her basketball career took off full-fledged: she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her father.

"I always wanted to be, this is going to sound weird, but I always wanted to be a football player. That was my first goal," Dickey said. "But once I got older they were like, 'No, girls can't play football,' so I was like, 'OK, I'm going to be a basketball player like my mom.' So that's where it all started."

As Dickey got older, her basketball talent really began to take off and basketball became a passion to

In a press conference interview, K-State women's basketball head coach Deb Patterson said about Dickey, "I'm impressed with her physical skills. I think she'll come in and impress us pretty early."

Impress the team she has, as so far Dickey has started all of the Wildcat's six games this season, and is averaging double digits in points this year. Dickey has enjoyed her time so far at K-State and has made quite the appearance on the basketball court. She is proving to be a key player for the Wildcats and the team is excited to see what she has to bring the rest of the season, especially into conference play, which begins in January.

When asked how the transformation to K-State has been, Dickey said, "It's been going really good — I credit that to the coaches and the team. They just have a great chemistry here and they just welcomed me right in. There haven't been any bumps in the road or anything like that. It's been really smooth and really just a blessing to be here."

Teammates enjoy having Dickey and her bubbly personality as a part of the team this season. Co-captain Brittany Chambers, junior guard, especially enjoys Dickey's company.

"She fits in perfect," Chambers said. "She's so much energy and brings so much spunk to our team and we're really excited to have her. She brings an energy on and off the court."

Dickey said balancing school and playing has been a challenge throughout her collegiate career, but school programs offer to help balance student athlete's busy lifestyle and their sport. However, this year has been a little bit different for Dickey, as she is working towards her master's degree.

"We have a lot of programs here that kind of help us out, and plus, I'm in grad school," Dickey said. "I have an online class and I just have two classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so my schedule's not that bad, but when I was a regular student we had study hall hours and everything like that, so the program kind of works around your basketball schedule and your school schedule to help you with that."

With her years in college coming to an end, Dickey is looking forward to what the future holds.

"I would love to go into coaching," Dickey said. "I love basketball. I may coach high school girls, you know, stay around that, or be a teacher."

There are plenty of options out there for Dickey, and with her experience on and off the court and a great attitude, her options are vast.

"I could go into advising, but I really want to stay around the sports realm of it, so whatever works out, whatever God has for the future, I'll just take it," Dickey

Two-minute drill

Kelly McHugh
staff writer

to ESPN.com, Ramirez agreed to move to third base for the 2012 season.

NCAA football

While it was known on Sunday night that the LSU Tigers (12-0) were No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series standings, the No. 2 position was up in the air between the Alabama Crimson Tide and the OSU Cowboys, both going 11-1 this season. Despite a loss to LSU earlier in the season, the BCS computer charts decided Alabama was BCS championship game worthy and the Crimson Tide was announced as No. 2 in the nation.

NBA

After a lengthy NBA lockout, it has been one week since the players and coaches have come to an agreement. However, despite the agreement, the discussion and negotiation of the lockout continue, and hopes are high that everything will be settled by Wednesday of this week. There are a number of players, including Chris Paul and Dwight Howard, who are looking at trades this season. Free agency and training camps will begin on Nov. 9.

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Meaning behind seasonal sayings, not wording, is what matters



Tim Schrag

I'm just barely old enough to remember a time when the standard greeting during this time of year was "Merry Christmas." People would place Christmas decorations, displays and trees up in their homes, stores and offices. "Happy Holidays" was nothing more than a song most commonly sung by Bing Crosby. At some point

in my childhood the trend changed and people began to replace the greeting "Merry Christmas" with "Happy holidays." At the same time, the term "Christmas" was simply replaced with "holiday." "Holiday" trees, lights and displays started popping up everywhere. Basically the only difference was the name; it was clear that these festive decorations were for Christmas.

Mocking the name, we are mocking the less popular holidays and bastardizing Christmas. Occasionally there might have been a Star of David, but outside of that there was really no mention of other winter holidays. I guess the point is that there are people who don't celebrate Christmas and those in charge didn't want to offend them. Really though, what's the point? Using the generic term "holiday" to seem more inclusive without actually including these other holidays seems more often-

sive, in my mind. Being inclusive is easier said than done, especially in areas where there is a lack of diversity. My hometown hosts an annual lighted Christmas parade. I don't see that ever changing, not because they are insensitive to others in the community, but because there really isn't a need. Almost everyone in my hometown celebrates Christmas. Most of my peers come from middle-class, white, Christian families, many of whom may have only been exposed to other holidays through television specials on shows like "Rugrats." I was fortunate enough to have gone to a grade school where the teachers felt it was important to educate us about other winter holidays like the Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yule and the winter solstice. Then again, I went to a Catholic grade school.

"It's really hard because it depends on everyone's personal view

point," said Candice Hironaka, senior associate director of the School of Leadership Studies. "It's hard when your cultural frame of reference is steeped around one specific holiday. It's just a matter of continuing to educate ourselves about what the other holidays are that are happening during this season of really good wishes.

Hironaka says while she does celebrate Christmas, when she is greeting people around the office or in class she prefers the term "seasons greetings" because it is more generic and focuses more on well-wishing.

I'm totally on board with this idea. Still, I say "Merry Christmas" more often than not. I think it's a good failsafe. In my opinion, "Happy holidays" is an empty statement. What most people are really saying is "Merry Christmas, but I don't want to

offend anyone so I'm saying this instead, even though I mean Merry Christmas." I have run across very few people who say "Happy Holidays" and genuinely mean it.

Why not cut out the middle man and say "Merry Christmas" if that's what the statement is meant to convey? "Season's greetings" also works well, because it's a greeting that could really be used at any time of the year.

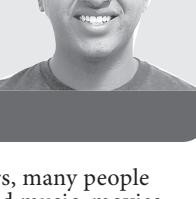
Ultimately this season is a time for well-wishing and joy, and I sincerely hope people have an amazing December and January despite what they celebrate. The purple nation is a diverse crowd, and we should celebrate it, but not insincerely. Good luck with finals everyone, and when you greet each other, just say what you mean. It comes off less condescending.

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Congressional initiative on Internet security violates First Amendment



Andy Rao

Over the years, many people have downloaded music, movies and other forms of media using programs like Napster, LimeWire and BitTorrent, methods that aren't exactly legal.

The United States Congress' most recent attempt to address the issue of online piracy is the proposal of an initiative called the "Stop Online Piracy Act."

The idea behind SOPA is to curb the copyright infringements that occur with illegal downloading.

When artists release new albums or songs, they are entitled to a fraction of the profits generated by the sales of their product.

Platforms like iTunes follow these regulations by charging customers a price for each song. By either purchasing the rights to the media or paying royalties to the artist, corporations are forced to follow copyright regulations.

Programs like LimeWire and BitTorrent, however, forgo the process of awarding a percentage of the profits to the artist for his or her work.

So SOPA makes sense, right? If illegal downloading robs hardworking individuals of profits that are rightfully theirs, then it would seem that the logical step would be to control or ban programs that enable piracy.

The issue, however, is much more

complex than just banning. SOPA has been met with much controversy because in order to control online piracy, the initiative puts the power of censorship into the government's hands.

The act proposes to give the government the power to block certain URLs and domain names that violate copyright law, a measure that could end up being more harmful than beneficial.

Companies like Disney, one of the main companies that loses profits due to online piracy, support SOPA and view it as a way to enforce copyright law.

Other companies such as Google, Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo and many others oppose SOPA and claim that SOPA poses "a serious risk to our industry's continued track record of innovation and job creation, as well as to our nation's cyber security," as written in a collective letter to Congress on Nov. 15.

The implications of allowing this bill to pass are dire, not only because it would allow the government to control the Internet and what we as citizens can access online, but also because it is a flagrant violation of the First Amendment. If we give the government the power to filter what we can view online, we are signing away our freedom of speech and press.

There are other ways to solve online piracy. There are other measures that can be taken to specifically target programs that allow users to download files illegally. Giving the government full control of the Internet is a poor solution for a problem that can be solved without such drastic action.

Censorship in the United States is wrong, because it is a contradic-



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tion to everything that we stand for. The First Amendment to the Constitution explicitly states that every person is ensured several rights, including the freedom of speech and freedom of press. Censorship blatantly violates the First Amendment, uses public safety as a scapegoat and minimizes the media's role as the watchdog of the government.

At some point, we have to hold the family unit accountable for the actions of their children, not the government. Parents need to take

the steps to control their children's activities on the Internet, and take precautions like setting parental controls on cable programming. The government is starting to interfere in citizens' lives.

You can't help but ask "what's next?" Will the government outlaw all foods that are more than 500 calories in order to curb the growing obesity in America? There is a line that must be drawn, and if the people of America wish to remain truly free, they must learn to put

their foot down when their personal liberties are being so flagrantly violated.

Vote no for censorship on the Internet; piracy and illegal downloading can be stopped without giving the government total and unfailing control of the Internet.

Remember, ignorance isn't always bliss.

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New process for driver's licenses causes problems for foreign exchange students

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Foreign exchange students at K-State enjoy many of the same privileges as citizens of the United States. For Jana Krajciová, graduate student in music, buying and driving a car has been something she has wanted to do for many years. Reaching that goal became more difficult when she struggled with obtaining her driver's license.

As a new driver, Krajciová took a driver's education course at the end of the summer. Upon completing the course, she visited the Manhattan Department of Motor Vehicles in hopes of receiving her license. Krajciová was told to first fill out a Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, form.

The SAVE form is a new requirement implemented this year for nonimmigrants applying for a driver's license. According to the SAVE program manual, "The SAVE Program is an intergovernmental information-sharing initiative designed to aid benefit providers in verifying an applicant's immigration status, thereby ensuring that only entitled applicants receive public benefits."

John Holroyd, change agent for the Department of Revenue in the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles in Topeka, said the SAVE form serves the purpose of verifying documents and credentials with

the Department of Homeland Security database. The form makes the process longer for applicants, but it ensures that only the verifiable receive the benefit of a driver's license.

Krajciová turned in her documents with the completed SAVE form to the Manhattan DMV, where she was told that it would be sent to the Topeka office for review and verification. Krajciová was told this process would take anywhere from three days to five weeks. When five weeks passed, Krajciová began inquiring about the status of her verification. Being told that her materials were in Topeka, Krajciová called and emailed the Topeka office, but received no reply.

"The Manhattan DMV told me that I should just wait," Krajciová said. "They said that I was 1 out of 500 waiting."

Fortunately for Krajciová, her host family had a contact who knew Rep. Sydney Carlin. With Carlin's help, Krajciová received an email within a week and half that her items had been verified. Krajciová then called the Manhattan DMV and was told that the last step of the process was making an appointment with them and that the next available date was in a few weeks. Krajciová said she was outraged because she felt that she was stuck again in the process. She called for Carlin's help once again and was able to make an appointment for the next day. Krajciová said her appointment took only about

15 minutes.

"They [Topeka office] never apologized," Krajciová said. "It would have been OK if they had told me they are working on it or something, but they didn't answer my email and I never got through to speak

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For others that may need to fill out the SAVE form, Holroyd recommends emailing the form with the appropriate documents attached, rather than mailing it through the postal service. Holroyd said emailing may yield faster service, as it eliminates some of the process.

"I don't know all the details," Holroyd said. "I do know that we dropped the ball on this particular case and it is not representative of our service."

Holroyd said that it was acceptable for Krajciová to give the Manhattan DMV her materials, as that is an option that is noted on the website.

"It is a new process since July and we are experimenting with the whole system," Holroyd said. "Once it came to our attention, I believe we took care of it quickly. We are improving when we can. Hopefully it won't come up again."

Carlin said that she was glad to help Krajciová when she was notified of her situation, recognizing that many times, the struggle for people can be eliminated when they have the opportunity to connect with the right people.

"One of the things I like best about my job is when I can help someone in my community and solve problems," Carlin said.

Carlin said that any time someone is dealing with the state, there is red tape and details involved in every situation. She said that it is good to ask a representative for help.

As for Krajciová's particular case, Carlin said, "There was no malice intended. There is no reason to think that it would happen again."

Krajciová received her driver's license shortly before Thanksgiving. While the situation is settled now, Krajciová remembered the process as one in which she had to fight for her right to have a license.

"I understand the security measures — there needs to be a way to check the validity of international people so that the nation is not filled with random people," Krajciová said. "I just wish it had been resolved in a timely manner."

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THE BLOTER

ARREST REPORTS

FRIDAY

Brian John Linderman, of the 200 block of 16th Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Yamibel Maria Mejia, of the 800 block of Pebblebrook Circle, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

James John Young, of Ogden, was booked for extradition of the imprisoned persons. No bond was set.

Tiffany Renie Jones, of the 1300 block of Flint Hills Place, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$300.

Brendan August Barth, of Fort Riley, was booked for do-

mestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

SATURDAY

Cody Allen Martin, of Junction City, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Rocky Delphino Apodaca, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Daniel Clarence Tinsley II, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

SUNDAY

Jeremiah Allen Harper, of Junction City, was booked for

driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Brian Joseph Rivera, of the 2900 block of Brookville Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Cody Dean Calp, of the 700 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

MONDAY

Benjamin Harrison Spillers, of the 3300 block of Woodduck Way, was booked for driving under the influence and criminal carrying of weapons. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Compiled by Sarah Rajewski.

K-State Daily Briefs

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The final doctoral dissertation of Adam Fahrenholz, "I. A Comparison of Methods for Determining the Durability of Corn-Soy Based Feed Pellets II. The Potential of Determining the Component Impact of Processing and Formulation Factors on Physical Feed Quality and Processing Efficiency," will be held Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. in Shellenberger 204.

On the Spot Improv will be giving a performance tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the K-State Student Union's Forum Hall. The show is free, but the improvisational acting group hopes to raise money for a no-kill animal shelter. Questions may be directed to otsimprov@gmail.com.

K-State Libraries will be providing free coffee, tea, snacks and "sympathy" to students during "dead week."

and finals. Refreshments will be available at Weigel Library in Seaton 323, on Dec. 7 and 8 from 8 to 10 p.m. Fiedler Engineering Library in Fiedler 1093, will have refreshments on Dec. 11 and 12 from 9 to 11 p.m. Hale Library will be serving refreshments on the second floor on Dec. 11, 12 and 13 from 10 p.m. to midnight. Hale Library is also open 24 hours every day until the end of finals.

Tickets are still available for the Cotton Bowl. There are 2,500 student tickets available with 500 reserved seats at \$125 each, plus 2,000 standing room end-zone Spirit Passes at \$50 each. The tickets will be available on Dec. 7 for current ICAT pass-holders at the K-State Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum. Students must bring their pass card and Wildcat ID to purchase a ticket. Limit of one ticket per student. Questions may be directed to the ticket office at 785-532-7606.



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Local assisted living center therapy suite helps patients recover from falls

Lindsey Beardall
staff writer

Almost everyone has someone they care about who is growing older, whether it's grandparents, friends of the family, or mom and dad.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that 35 to 40 percent of adults 65 and older fall at least once in a year, and said that falls were the leading cause of injury death in this age group.

Meadowlark Hills, an independent and assisted living care center in Manhattan, recently unveiled a three-year project called Therapy Suite to help with such cases.

According to a Meadowlark Hills news release, Therapy Suite provides a home-like atmosphere where those recovering from hospital stays can benefit from assistants nearby and therapy in their own rooms. This kind of environment provides a place where a client can learn to perform basic daily tasks to help with the transition back to their own home.

"The therapy suite is on the basement level of our Bramlage House," said Garrett Lee, Wellness Partners Administrator at Meadowlark Hills. "We have a separate area for occupational therapy which focuses on activities of daily living. In the Therapy Suite, therapists visit clients in their own room."

Lee said the development of the Therapy Suite took about three years. Clients who qualify through Medicare and have spent three over-nights in a hospital are allocated a private room with kitchen, bathroom and living room.

"The clients stay for however

long their plan of care is; that is between their doctor, therapist and nurse. They will receive therapy every weekday. At the moment, we are equipped to handle 20 guests," Lee said.

As the baby boomer generation ages, programs like Meadowlark Hills' Therapy Suite will be in higher demand, said Kim Evans, graduate student in gerontology.

"It's a fact that baby boomers are living longer and wanting to stay as independent as possible, not living in nursing homes or assisted living until they have to," Evans said.

Evans said she has learned many things from her program of study, and suggested to all students a course called environment and aging. The class covers the different ways architecture can make living for older adults easier, or more difficult.

The difference between ease of use and difficulty could be minute details like making counters lower for wheelchair access, building power outlets higher into the wall for those who cannot fully bend down and understanding the way depth perception is affected by a bathroom being tiled entirely in the same color as the appliances.

Evans said her personal perspective on this issue came from an incident where she, herself, experienced a broken hip while living in a rural town that was 50 miles from both friends and family.

"I never realized how difficult it would be," she said. "A therapist came over to my house and taught me how to make

my dinner, as I was using my walker, and then left. So I made my dinner after she left and then asked myself, 'Well, how do I get my dinner to the table now?'"

Evans said this is why she believes programs like the Therapy Suite, where therapists are close at hand to re-teach daily tasks, are "wonderful."

"I plan on visiting Manhattan soon and touring the facility. I've even considered retiring there," Evans said, referring to Meadowlark Hills.

Nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the country are adopting practices similar to those at Meadowlark Hills.

"Nobody should be surprised about this," said Gayle Doll, director of the K-State Center on Aging. "Those who are forward thinking and innovative are looking to expand the services they can provide."

Doll said improvements like those at Meadowlark are part of the continuum of care movement, where nursing homes and assisted living facilities offer a full range of services.

"Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are now considered the 'aging experts' of our communities," Doll said.

Lee said he looks forward to the future of Meadowlark Hills.

"We feel like we are a cutting edge, state of the art, one-of-a-kind type of place and the sky is the limit for us," Lee said. "We are not going to stop expanding on therapy services and adding new types of therapy to our bag of tricks. We want to appeal to a wider, more diverse group of people."

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